IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Brian Cho In re Applicants: Art Unit: 3672 Serial No.: 10/708,973 Examiner: Matthew J. Smith Filed: April 5, 2004 Title: Sealing Mechanism For A Docket No. 68.0476 Subterranean Well (SHL.0317US)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claim 9 and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.